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Dear Jim --

I have your letter relative to your proposed trip to give a paper in Germany and to visit Geneva. While I can sympathize with your desire to carry this out, I really cannot see, under the circumstances, any justification for the U.S. Government sponsoring your trip.

We have discussed this with other parts of the Agency to see if they have any operational reason for such justification. If you wish to go on your own time and your own funds that would, of course, be another matter.

Furthermore, I do not agree with you that in order to hire qualified scientific people, the U.S. Government has to sponsor a European trip for a purpose which has no relationship to the job for which one is hired. I believe that if you looked at this dispassionately, you would agree with me and I suspect that industrial concerns would feel the same way, unless they could see some advertising or informational gathering value to be obtained from such an activity.

Sincerely yours,

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